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MANY IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE IN CAMP

The two new "Y" buildings have been completed and are in use by the soldiers of Camp Furlong. These buildings are modern and far superior in construction to the average "Y" building that has been constructed in the cantonments. These buildings are built with an idea of permanency.

The drilling of another well is under way, the old pumping plant having become inadequate to supply the needs of the camp. The appropriation for the new well is sufficient to allow a depth that will reach the second and third strata of water. It is expected that a big well will be developed.

Some of the camps in the southwest have always been short on their water supply, and one camp that comes to mind is as located that the wells must be sunk a depth of 400 to 500 feet and it is considered very lucky if a 50 gallon well is developed. The government is extremely fortunate to be able to get the supply of water that is here available at such a desirable place for the training of men of the regular army, and at a place where soldiers are necessary for protection.

An appropriation has become available for putting in a sewerage system in the camp, and the engineer work is now under way. This regulation was made several months ago, but was held up until a decision was reached as to what disposition would be made of this camp.

Men are kept working on the quarters that are being built for the cavalry all the time. Several new quarters have been already completed and those that were built for the 13th Cavalry in 1915 and 1916 have been enlarged.

Many of the buildings erected during the time of the punitive expedition have been torn down and rebuilt into structures that were more adequate to the present needs. One thing that is a good reason for optimism none of the material has ever been shipped away, and building material has been shipped in all along.

Several car loads of lumber and other building material has been shipped here from the dismantled Camp Cody, and it is said that a considerable part of the Deming camp will be brought to Columbus for the purpose of enlarging and repairs.

For several weeks it was not

RAVEL PLANS TO BUILD SOUTH OF CLARK HOTEL

Sam Ravel is planning to build a business house south of the Clark hotel something similar to the hotel this spring. He owns the lots on which the little shacks occupied by a cobbler, a photographer establishment and a restaurant, etc. is located and is planning to take all these little buildings out of the way.

There were lots of people who did not hesitate to tell Sam that he was foolish for putting up as good a building here as the hotel but Sam could see farther in the future than could those who took so much interest in his affairs. The Clark hotel has proven such a good investment that he believes that another first class building will also be a paying investment.

A meeting of the Red Cross will be held Tuesday afternoon, January 7, at 2:30, at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dean had as guests for dinner New Year's Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Burkhead, Misses Ruth and Irene Vann and Mrs. E. M. Dean.

known what was to become of Camp Furlong, and many of the business men were very much worried, but since the war department has in a way given us reasons to believe that it will always be retained—the information coming from a source that is convincing—Columbus is in much better spirits.

Any fair-thinking person will admit that this is the only logical location for an army post in the state. Now that certain people in the state have let up on the game of petty politics and the matter is being left up to the army officers, as it should have been all the while, it begins to look as if everything was coming out right after all.

There will be some of our people as long as they live who will criticize Colonel H. J. Stocum in connection with the Columbus raid, but taking another view everyone certainly must hold a warm spot in their hearts for the Colonel. It will always be remembered that he saved the camp for Columbus when it was about to be moved to another town, and should politics have won out instead of common ordinary sense, just imagine if you will what would have become of everyone residing in Columbus on the fateful morning of March 9th, 1916.



1—President Wilson and President Poincaré of France riding down the Champs Elysees on the day of Mr. Wilson's arrival in Paris. 2—First photograph showing the British occupation of Constantinople; Gen. Sir Henry Wilson inspecting released prisoners of war. 3—American soldiers in London on leave were sleeping in the great hall of the royal courts of justice, turned over to them by order of the lord chamberlain.

BLAIR HOME SCENE OF CHARMING PARTY

In holiday spirit and festivity was the charming party given at the home of Mayor and Mrs. J. R. Blair on Monday evening. The house was tastefully decorated in the holiday colors and boughs of cedar were effectively arranged. The big living and dining rooms were cleared for dancing, the music for which was furnished by musicians of the 24th Infantry Band. The large dining table, covered with a snowy cloth and with a centerpiece of carnations and shaded candles, was placed in the sun parlor and here the guests were served with roast turkey, cranberry sauce, salad and pie at a late hour. The honor guest was Miss Nina Bringle who left Tuesday for her home in Kansas, after having spent several months here. Other guests were: Lieut. and Mrs. Baldrige, Lieut. and Mrs. White, Lieut. and Mrs. Richardson, Lieut. and Mrs. Campbell, Lieut. and Mrs. Wood, Lieut. and Mrs. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Greenwood, Misses Biegler, Walsh, Lawther, Bringle, Blair, Major Pierce, Lieuts. Elliott, Halloran, McKay, Reeves and Dyer.

O'LOANE PLANS TO BUILD SUBSTANTIAL BUILDING

Jay O'Loane, who some time ago bought the corner lot and also the lot adjoining on Main and Taft streets, plans to erect in the near future a good building for business purposes. He bought this property at what he considered a fair price, but has several times been offered a considerable profit for his bargain. Mr. O'Loane has a well established business and believes that conditions will warrant the construction of better quarters for himself, as well as for the tenants who occupy the other parts of the building now on the two lots.

Train service has become a thing of the past in Columbus, it seems. The Golden State Limited from Chicago does not get in very often and when it train finally does get through it is apt to be a train due several days ago. Snow storms in Kansas and northern New Mexico are to be blamed. Stub trains have occasionally been run out of El Paso, and the night train out of El Paso continues to come in on scheduled time.

COLONEL HASDELL TAKES COMMAND OF POST

Colonel G. Arthur Hasdell arrived here Thursday evening and immediately became the commander of Camp Furlong, being senior in rank to Colonel George Biegler who is in command of the 12th Cavalry, and who has also been post commander since his arrival two weeks ago.

Colonel Hasdell just recently returned from France, having gone over with the first of the American Expeditionary Forces, and remaining until the last gun was fired.

Previous to his assignment to the 24th Infantry he has been with the inspector general's department.

Lieut. Colonel James B. Henry, Jr., who was here as a lieutenant with the 13th Cavalry in 1914 and 1915 has been assigned to the 12th, arriving here several days ago. Colonel Henry is well remembered by a number of Columbus people.

Everett Cowgill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cowgill, who was twice wounded in France, has returned to America and is now in a hospital near Baltimore, Md. He has a fractured leg, the extent of the injury not being definitely known by his parents. He served in France with the 16th Infantry.

Captain Frank N. Sell, of the 24th Infantry, who was provost marshal here for a long time, was discharged from the service a few days ago. He has had more than twenty years service in the United States army. He is considering a proposition of going into business in Columbus.

Mrs. Susan A. Moore entertained a few friends Thursday evening with a theatre party in honor of the birthday of Mrs. W. F. King. The guests of Mrs. Moore were Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Peters, Mrs. Riggs, and Mrs. Moody.

The Baptist Ladies Auxiliary held a business meeting at the church for the purpose of electing officers Thursday afternoon. The old officers were all re-elected for another year.

The officers of the Post entertained with a New Year's Eve party at Mullins Hall. The guests arrived about 8:30 and danced the all year out. About 35 were present.

DRILLING WILL BE STARTED ON OIL WELL MONDAY

A driller left California Friday for Columbus to take charge of the rig at the well of the Valley Oil Company, and the work is to be started again next Monday morning. A delay of a few days has been caused by the man who had been employed as a driller took sick with the flu and could not come, which made it necessary to find another man.

There is half a car of coal at the well and a car just arrived and is now setting on the siding waiting to be taken out. Wood is now being hauled out, and the machinery is in all readiness, so there does not seem to be a possibility of any longer delay.

January 1st found some of the people of Columbus on the ground near the well long before daylight in order to get first choice in staking claims. After day there was quite a little rush for the site and a large part of the territory surrounding the well was restaked as it has been for the past three years on the first day of the year.

LARRAZOLA NOW GOVERNOR OF STATE

O. A. Larrazola became the governor of New Mexico at noon on January 1st. The inauguration was one of the most elaborate affairs ever held in the state. The inaugural ball given in the evening was largely attended by people from all parts of the state.

Governor Larrazola succeeded W. E. Lindsey who became governor upon the death of De Baca who died shortly after he went into office. For the first time in almost two years the state has a lieutenant governor, B. F. Pankey. The entire state administration is republican, while it has in the past been a mixed affair.

Misses Jennie Rose and Grace Sell, who are this year attending the Loretto school for girls at Las Cruces, were home to spend the holidays with their parents, Capt. and Mrs. Frank N. Sell. They returned to Las Cruces on Friday evening.

F. M. Lingo returned Friday from California where he spent five weeks nursing his son who had flu followed by pneumonia. The boy was considered out of

CITY DADS HOLD A PROLONGED MEETING

The Village Board of Trustees held a meeting Tuesday evening, the first to be held since October. Due to the death of one member and illness of the other four this was the first time a quorum was able to get together.

The routine business was transacted, but there was more than they could finish that night so the board adjourned until Wednesday and cleaned up the calendar.

The new franchise which is being granted the Columbus Electric Light & Power Company was passed through the second reading and will be finally adopted at the next meeting of the Board.

A considerable amount of the time was taken up in receiving a proposition from W. H. Miller to lease or buy the Village water system, although no action of any kind was taken in this matter and it is hardly possible that the city would care to make such a deal any way.

The matter of filling the vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Jack London was discussed, and several men were mentioned in this connection, among those named being Chas. Powers, H. Burton, C. R. Rogers, J. A. Moore and W. F. King. This was passed over until the next meeting.

LOCAL POLITICS BEGINS TO CALL FOR ATTENTION

It is always this way in Columbus. No matter what sort of an election it is, just before the time it is to come off people begin to "hexioncer" and most every one has to appear to take some interest in it.

This time we elect a justice of the peace and a constable. The candidates for justice of the peace are Thos. J. Cole, the present incumbent, and P. A. Simpson. The general opinion is that this will be a close race.

Jess Fuller, who has been the precinct constable for the past two years is out for re-election, and is opposed by C. R. Rogers, of the Columbus Drug Company.

The election is yet ten days off. There is plenty of time and plenty of room if any one else should desire to enter the race.

The Courier has been informed by P. A. Hughes that it will be necessary for each candidate to notify him several days before the election that he may get their name printed on the ballot, under the new law the clerk having charge of putting out the ballots.

HALT! WHO'S THERE? TO APPEAR AGAIN

The little newspaper that created quite a sensation in town and camp last summer, and which ceased to exist by orders of the commanding officer for reasons unknown, is soon to appear again. The editor will be Lt. Thomas B. Woodburn, of the 24th Infantry, who is in a class to himself as a newspaper man, having had a wide experience in this line of work, and seems to know exactly how to please his readers. The paper will be published by the Courier. The title, Halt! Who's There? will remain as before.

danger before Mr. Lingo left for home.

\$5 Cash Prize

Can you find the errors in the advertisements in this issue of the Courier? If you can find all of them we will give you a \$5 cash prize. If there should be more than one correct answer neatness will be considered in awarding the prize. The contest is open to everybody. All there is to it is find the errors in the ads in the Courier, write them in the order they occur starting from the first and send same to this office. There are certain miss-spelled words also typographical errors. Find them and win the prize. Watch for the name of the winner next week.